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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The communications filed on 12/22/2003 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed on 7/16/2003. Specifically, the amendment to the claims does not follow the revised guidelines for amendment of the claims or specification (i.e. the appropriate status identifiers for each of the pending claims). Applicants are directed to <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/ifw/> for the revised guidelines under 37 CFR 1.121 that were effective 7/30/2003. Applicants' representative is invited to phone the examiner to set up an interview concerning embodiments directed to DNA-binding in view of the teachings of Pierrou et al as cited in the response.

Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective, March 21, 2001, in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald G. Leffers Jr. whose telephone number is (703)-308-6232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel can be reached at (703) 305-1998. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-1998.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Zeta Adams whose telephone number is (703) 305-3291.

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